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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Y. YAMAMOTO, et al

Serial No.: 10/683,688

Filed: October 9, 2003

For: STORAGE SYSTEM THAT IS CONNECTED TO EXTERNAL STORAGE

Group: 2185

Examiner: Y. Campos

AMENDMENT

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450
Sir:

November 7, 2006

In response to the Office Action dated August 7, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims

Remarks are included following the amendments.